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SUBJ: MEDIA COVERAGE OF PRESIDENT FORD

1. DURING PAST TEN DAYS COVERAGE ON PRESIDENT FORD IN HUNGARIAN MEDIA HAS CONTINUED PROMINENT, LARGELY FACTUAL AND GENERALLY FAVORABLE. MAJOR PRESIDENTIAL SPEECHES TO CONGRESS AND VFW COVERED IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS. IN ADDITION, EXTENSIVE COMMENTARY, INCLUDING ARTICLE BY NEPSZABADSAG WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT KOVACS ISTVAN, AN EDITORIAL ARTICLE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WEEKLY MAGYARORSAG AND AN EXTENSIVE PERSONAL PORTRAIT OF PRESIDENT FORD BY NEPSZABADSAG FOREIGN EDITOR VAJDA PETER, HAVE APPEARED. MANY OF THE STORIES WERE PLACED ON THE FRONT PAGES.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN LARGELY POSITIVE AND FEATURED MOST PROMINENTLY PRESIDENTIAL ACTIONS RELATED TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE POLICY OF DETENTE, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN AND FORD'S

STATEMENTS ON RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.
COMMENTARY HAS ALSO STRESSED THAT INCREASING EMPHASIS
LIKELY TO BE PLACED ON US DOMESTIC AFFAIRS WHICH ARE
SAID TO BE URGENTLY IN NEED OF ATTENTION. ARTICLES
USUALLY CONCLUDE THAT WHILE US DOMESTIC SITUATION
HIGHLY COMPLEX, PRIMARY HUNGARIAN INTEREST LIES IN
PRESIDENT'S FOREIGN POLICIES AND CONTINUATION OF
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